GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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OPENING OF JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYAS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas functioning in the dalit dominated districts alongwith the number of such Vidyalayas proposed to be opened there, State-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the number of students in the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas and to improve the standard of education of those people ?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) & (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOKSABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 512 FOR 29.04.2008 RAISED BY SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA AND SHRI MAHAVIR BHAGORA, M.Ps. REGARDING OPENING OF JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYAS

(a) Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme envisages establishment of one Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) in each district of the country for providing good quality modern education to talented children predominantly from rural areas. Barring Tamil Nadu, where the scheme is not operational, JNVs have been opened in all the eligible districts having 20 per cent and more Scheduled Caste population except for 4 districts.

(b) As per the Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme, each Vidyalaya consists of classes VI to XII with strength of each class at 80. In the first year, students are taken in Class-VI and then one higher class is added in each subsequent year. To fill up seats falling vacant due to dropouts, admission of students is also made at the level of Class-IX and XI against the available seats. With a view to ensure optimum utilization of the available resources, the Samiti has decided to admit students at the level of Class-VII also from the current academic session. Reservation for SC students is provided in proportion to SC population in the district subject to a minimum of 15%.

The performance of the students of JNVs in Class X and Class XII examinations conducted by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has been constantly higher than the overall CBSE results. With a view to further improve the standard of education in these Vidyalayas, various steps have been taken including appointment of qualified teachers, regular in-service training programmes for teachers, provision of required infrastructure, introduction of Information and Communication Technology in all Vidyalayas,continuous and comprehensive evaluation of students and adoption of latest techniques to make teaching learning process more effective.